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### OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OFFERS NEW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Members Urged to Recruit  
Qualified Candidates  
For Few Vacancies

An invitation for Members to enroll in the Overseas Press Club a limited number of qualified foreign correspondents was extended this week by the OPC's Membership Committee. Only some 300 existing membership vacancies remain to be filled, according to Committee Co-Chairman PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE and Past President FRANK KELLEY, before the Club reaches its quota of 1,000 Members.

Personal letters from Miss LOCHRIDGE and KELLEY are being sent to all Club Members. They urge each to offer the opportunity to qualified colleagues to apply for membership while vacancies are still open. With the letters are going application blanks for possible candidates.

The letter addressed to present OPC Members highlights advantages of membership under a question asking whether current Members have thought what the Club "can mean to your friends, whose past and present activities in journalism abroad have given them mutual interests."

The Membership Committee letter concludes with an admonition for Members to investigate the qualifications of their candidates. "To save our good Admissions Committee and yourself unnecessary embarrassment", the letter states, "please read carefully the membership qualifications and be reasonably sure your candidate can fulfill membership requirements."

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### L U N C H E O N

WEDNESDAY, November 1 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street  
Cocktails at 12 P. M. ----- Luncheon at 12:30 P. M. SHARP  
Member and One Guest: \$2.50 Each ----- Other Guests: \$3.

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### AIR POWER: KEY TO SURVIVAL

by

MAJOR ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY

In a hard-hitting talk based on the title of his newest, top-selling book, Major de Seversky will present challenging facts to support his belief in the necessity of increased air armament. This will be an important luncheon, so please make your reservations at once.



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## ROUND TABLE

Friday, November 3 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway  
5:30 to 7:30 P. M. ----- Admission Free

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## HOW TO PIERCE THE IRON CURTAIN

Special guests at this panel discussion, to be moderated by ISAAC DON LEVINE, will be two experts in the fields of counter-intelligence, espionage and propaganda. One is Dr. Rainer Hildebrandt, founder and director of a militantly anti-Red underground organization called the "Combat Group Against Inhumanity", which is now operating from Berlin behind the Iron Curtain. The other is Boris Shub, formerly with RIAS, the American Radio Station in Berlin, who has worked to penetrate the Iron Curtain with news and facts.

## OFFICIAL

Awards Committee Meeting ..... Clubrooms ..... Thursday, November 2, 5:45 P.M.  
Board of Governors Meeting ..... Clubrooms ..... Monday, November 6, 8:00 P.M.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Gerhard S. Stindt, "News of the Day". Invasion of Normandy to Potsdam Conference, 1944 to 1945, as combat cameraman for U.S. Army Air Force; France, England, Germany, Italy, Poland, January 1946 to present, as newsreel correspondent for M-G-M. Proposed by EDWARD HAAKER; seconded by LOUIS P. LOCHNER.

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## World's Most Experienced Airline



The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

Active: KENNETH KANTOR, National Broadcasting Company  
HELEN JEANETTE FOLSTER, National Broadcasting Company  
GEORGE THOMAS FOLSTER, National Broadcasting Company  
WILLIAM J. DUNN, National Broadcasting Company  
LESLIE MIDGLEY, foreign editor, Look magazine  
H. PETER HART, editor, Neue Auslese (HICOG)

Guest: BELLA FROMM, Frankfurter Rundschau

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CHARLES HODGES, professor of international relations at New York University, has been appointed Co-Chairman with HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE of the Committee on Freedom of News and Information.

Chairman JOHN BARKHAM announces that the following Members will serve on his Awards Committee: SEYMOUR BERKSON, LAWRENCE G. BLOCHMAN, DONALD BURKE, CECIL BROWN, CLYDE BROWN, Past President W. W. CHAPLIN, EDMUND A. CHESTER, WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON, ELIZABETH FAGG, RALPH FRANTZ, JACK GLENN, RALPH GOLDBURGH, VICTOR LASKY, DANIEL GROSSI.

WILLIAM F. BROOKS has been promoted to the new post of vice-president in charge of Public Relations of the National Broadcasting Company. In the new slot, BROOKS will supervise operations of the press, information and continuity acceptance departments of the network and maintain coordinating liaison with the news and special events, and advertising and promotion departments for both radio and TV. He's been veep in charge of news and special events...Recently appointed visiting associate professor of journalism at the University of Illinois was QUINCY HOWE...

Columnist-commentator GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY on October 18 addressed the annual meeting of the Washington Board of Trade at the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C. ...New York Compass publisher TED O. THACKREY has asked the New York State attorney general to investigate a Winchell item that alleged THACKREY "may chuck his gazette post and enter book publishing." Claims the item has had adverse effect on public sale of \$300,000 worth of stock in the Compass...

Kenyon and Eckhardt radio producer WILLIAM A. BERNIS will wed Toni Ellis, fashion artist, November 29...The Scarsdale Women's Club last week heard a lecture by OPC President LOUIS P. LOCHNER...David McIntire, Club office assistant and associate editor of The Bulletin, on November 28 will return to Antioch College for two months to resume his studies there. He expects to return to his OPC duties in January. Meanwhile, he will be replaced at Club Headquarters by another Antioch student-trainee, James Bargerstock...

BOYLE, WHITEHEAD COVER  
NORTH KOREAN FIGHTING;  
HOMEWARD TREK STARTS

As United Nations forces pressed beyond Pyongyang in North Korea, a hardy contingent of correspondents filed some of the most dramatic copy to come from the Far East since the war began. Flying over the North Korean capital, AP columnist HAL

BOYLE reported: "There are dust clouds on the horizon along roads leading north out of the city. They mark the disorderly retreat of enemy remnants pulling out of this shattered throne of red power."

And early this week DON WHITEHEAD of AP wrote a poignant account of the discovery in a railway ditch north of Pyongyang of the bodies of 65 American prisoners who had been led from a North Korean train and shot.

Also, one morning recently, BILL COSTELLO, veteran CBS News Far East chief, was able to put through a direct Seoul-to-San-Francisco broadcast, one of the few that have been made during the entire campaign. Another OPC Member in Korea, WALTER SIMMONS of the Chicago Tribune, on October 16 was the first newsman to broadcast from Seoul a Mutual network "War-Front-Home-Front" show. SIMMONS reported, "I never saw such devastation as I've seen in North Korea. There's no food. The people wear patched-up clothing. And the patches are patched and patched again until even they are threadbare."

Meanwhile, the steady exodus of correspondents from Korea continues. Among OPCers already returned are Past President BOB CONSIDINE and Time correspondent FRANK GIBNEY. It was reported this week that HAL BOYLE of AP is expected home by Thanksgiving.



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: THE OVERSEAS TICKER : FRANKFURT DATELINE -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- JOHN MARTINCO,  
..... conflict, glimpsed by ANN STRINGER RIES, in a March of Time film on the Korean war kickoff. Shots of UP's New York office also showed Charlie McCann and Harry Williams...MRS. RIES, former UP, now free-lancing, just completed a tour of Germany. Her New York Times photographer-husband, HANK RIES met her in Berlin on his return from a couple of weeks in Yugoslavia. He was busy there on a story for the Times Sunday magazine. Incidentally, EUCOM circulation figures on "German Faces", first book by the STRINGER-RIES combine (text and photos), show the book is doing very well, particularly in Germany's U.S. zone. Reader's Digest will shortly publish a special supplement on it...

Maggi Claughton Nolan, formerly Chicago Tribune and Weekend (Stars and Stripes magazine), writes that she and husband James Nolan, New York Herald Tribune business representative in Paris, expect their first baby in November...Toni Howard's (Mrs. JOHN O'DONNELL) first novel, "Shriek with Pleasure", is making good sales and a second edition is on the way, according to the author who visited Frankfurt recently..."Mike" James, Jr., son of New York Times m.e. Edwin L. James, has left the Frankfurt bureau of the Times which he headed, and is now in Korea, presumably accompanied by his inseparable lady-friend, Louise (a pooch)...Howard and Shirley Katzander, both Stars and Stripes, returned recently from a London vacation where they were entertained by the DAVE RICHARDSONS...

Speaking of London, your correspondent was there last month and saw Jack Meehan, former UP Frankfurt man. Newsmen on a TWA junket reached London at the same time. Among them were Freddie Othman (United Features) and ex-Stars and Stripes NAT MARGOLIN. Othman dropped in at UP London to say hello to Director of Special Services TOSTI RUSSELL; MARGOLIN visited S&S managing editor Ken Zumwalt in Darmstadt. Zumwalt recently increased his staff by adding Art Noyes, author of the political novel, "Look to This Day", which has been accepted by Sloane. The book was written while Noyes was hospitalized for two years in New York...Ned Russell (New York Herald Tribune) and Newsweek's Fred Vanderschmidt seen lunching together at London's Embassy mess. Vanderschmidt not long ago stole British woman correspondent Gerry Hill from UP and made her "second man" in the Newsweek London bureau...

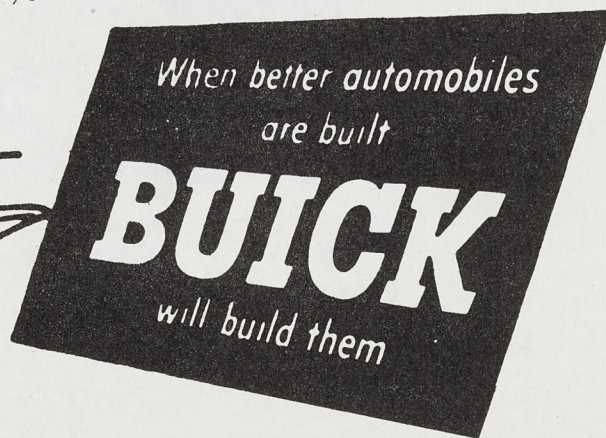
Vince Halloran, Stars and Stripes slot man, will shortly marry British Stripes employee, Monica Thornbury...Former UP vice-president Virgil Pinkley, now Los Angeles Mirror editor-publisher, reported to have sent friends copies of REYNOLD Packard's naughty pressservice satire, "Kansas City Milkman", identifying himself as one of the chief characters...(DOROTHY N. S. RUSSELL).

MEXICO CITY DATELINE -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- BOB BENJAMIN, chief of the Time-Life bureau here for the past two years, will leave November 1 for New York where he has been assigned to the Latin-American news section. Mrs. BENJAMIN will remain in Mexico, at her parents' winter home in San Miguel Allende, for an added month...

Harry Bishop, for five years head of the Dallas Morning News bureau here and president of the Foreign Correspondents Association of Mexico for three years, is being transferred to his paper's Washington bureau. Leaves with his wife January 2 for the new assignment.

Mort Reynolds, recently with the Voice of America's news section in New York, has accepted a post as director of news and special events for Mexico City's new television station, XHTV... Former NBC advertising executive William Webb has taken over in Mexico City as new information officer of the U.S. Embassy. His family have arrived and will shortly move into the home being vacated by the BENJAMINS. Samuel Montague, former press officer of the Aftosa Commission, is now U.S. Embassy press officer -- (JOHN R. WILHELM).

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Wedding bells rang October 21 for WILLIAM DOERFLINGER, former E. P. Dutton associate editor, now with the State Department's Information Service, and Anne Homer Warner. The couple will live in Rome, Italy, where DOERFLINGER will be an attache of the U. S. Embassy....

For the first time since his 1949 accident in Tibet, Past President LOWELL THOMAS will be able to resume his skiing activities this coming winter, his physician has advised him. THOMAS suffered a broken hip bone when he fell from a horse on a high mountain pass in the Himalayas... "U.N. in Action", an analysis and forecast covering the activities of the United Nations, with LARRY LESUEUR reporting, resumed as a weekly series over CBS on October 23... People Today, the vestpocket, Quick-size biweekly edited by ALLEN CHELLAS, is over the 400,000 circulation mark. Newsweek execs, who launched the 10-cent magazine last June predict it will hit 500,000 by 1951...

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: An invitation for OPC Members to attend the cocktail party (from 5 to 7 PM) :  
: opening the International Men's Footwear Fashion Show at 6 East 46th Street :  
: on October 30 has been extended by ERIC PALMER. About 25 nations will be :  
: represented at the show, which was organized in response to President :  
: Truman's World Trade Proclamation. Those wishing to attend should telephone :  
: PALMER at Murray Hill 7-1760. :  
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Doubleday is busily printing a second edition of "MacArthur: Man of Action" which hit bookdealers' shelves on October 26. The bio, by Past President FRANK KELLEY and CORNELIUS J. RYAN, made its debut with orders placed which completely sold out the first edition...

BERT BRANDT of Acme Newspictures reports he's having himself a fabulous time in Hollywood as a technical adviser for the forthcoming war film, "The Steel Helmet" ... After 23 years with the Associated Press, J. NORMAN LODGE will leave his post as general desk editor in the New York office in November to become editor of the Clovis (N.M.) News-Journal. His AP colleagues will give a party in his honor on November 3...

United Features has assigned GEORGE HERALD to edit its serialization of FDR's personal papers...After a visit to the United Kingdom and Western Europe, Maj. C. B. ORMEROD, director of public relations for the British Information Services, returned to New York on October 13... BENNETT CERF is bringing out a new series on highlights in American history, "Landmark Books", for "middle-aged children". QUENTIN REYNOLDS authored "The Wright Brothers" and ADELE NATHAN, "Building the Trans-Continental Railroad", for the series....

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"If Russia is sincere in her desire to bring peace to Europe, we offer her Austria as a test case. Let all occupation forces be withdrawn, and then let the world watch how we will try to cement peace in Central Europe". This challenge to the USSR was

laid down on October 25 by Dr. Karl Gruber, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Austria, at an OPC luncheon at the Hotel Astor.

Dr. Gruber also reviewed Austria's progress in the five years since the war's end, and said that the republic had accomplished a great deal despite handicaps imposed by military occupation. "We are trying to make democracy work", he said. "But, of course democracy is opposed to Communism. So when one of our people tries to initiate a democratic step, the Russian authorities often accuse him -- not of being 'anti-Communist' -- but of being an 'enemy of the Soviet Union.' It is very hard for us to work under this kind of pressure."

A particular incident in which the situation was saved by the press was related by Dr. Gruber. In 1947 the Soviet authorities ordered that the Minister of Commerce be fired and leave at once. Gruber tipped off the foreign correspondents, who immediately rushed to query Red officials. The embarrassed Russians, caught in the act, suspended the order.

With Dr. Gruber at the luncheon was His Excellency Dr. Ludwig Kleinwaechter, Austrian Minister in Washington, as well as the councillor and secretary of the legation. Also present were Dr. Franz Matsch, Austrian Consul General in New York and other Austrian officials.

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Last Call for Book Contributions -- In 10 days typing will begin on the manuscript of "Inside Inside: the Best Stories of Foreign Correspondents", so it will be possible -- although difficult -- to include exceptional material for another two weeks. Greatly needed are short and really humorous anecdotes. No jokes, please. Anecdotes must have some reference to the foibles of newsgathering or be about people in the business. Last call!

CONSIDINE, GIBNEY EXPRESS  
FRANK, HARD-HITTING VIEWS  
ON AMERICAN KOREAN POLICY

More than 50 OPC Members and guests crowded the Clubrooms on October 19 to hear a roundtable trio discuss the Korean war and U.S. policy in the Far East. Paced by Moderator WILLIAM P. GRAY, the roundtable began with an off-the-record

talk by Don Newton, in charge of all Voice of America broadcasts to the Far East. Then GRAY presented Past President BOB CONSIDINE and FRANK GIBNEY, recently-returned Time war correspondent. Some pertinent excerpts from their comments follow:

CONSIDINE: (After JOHN MOROSO read an AP dispatch quoting President Truman on General MacArthur's loyalty) I'm glad to hear that MacArthur has finally passed the loyalty test. He's only been around since 1905. GIBNEY: The 270 correspondents who descended on Korea were the nearest thing to the Biblical plague of locusts the inhabitants had ever seen. CONSIDINE: We cannot fight an Asiatic war; we haven't the stomach for it. It's like fighting grasshoppers with pins. I've seen psychos who've blown their tops for having to shoot women, old men and kids with cap pistols -- because they were used as decoys, "plants" and gun-carriers by the North Koreans.

GIBNEY: We neglected to use, at first, a latent advantage -- the South Koreans. Our commanders thought the enemy Asiatics would turn and run at the sight of a well-equipped Western force. They even sent many South Koreans to the rear. Finally, when put back back to work, they became a vital and totally unforeestimated cause of our victory. CONSIDINE: We furnished about 87 percent of the UN force in Korea -- with 56 nations reporting in absentia. One nation sent a gunboat that fired one broadside, and then returned 13,000 miles to its home base. GIBNEY: The GI's used to call all Koreans "gooks". But after the South Koreans distinguished themselves in battle, the Americans were embarrassed and ashamed. So they reached a happy compromise. Now they call their allies "gooksan" -- which means "The honorable good."

CONSIDINE: In this war, our GI's lacked a focus for their drive. They had no Hitler, Tojo or Mussolini to hate. They considered Korea merely a hot, flea-ridden place with no PX, no dames, no liquor -- and no hope. GIBNEY: We learned one thing on Korea, and that is that the Asiatics are sensitive to sheer power and are unimpressed by promises.

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